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In re Application of :  
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COMMUNICATION

In a decision mailed by this Office on 15 January 2004, applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment was granted. The decision went on to state that applicants had two months from the mail date of the decision to file an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

A subsequent review of the application file confirms the presence of an executed declaration filed by applicants on 25 November 2003. The declaration complies with 37 CFR 1.497. Accordingly, that portion of the 15 January 2004 decision that required applicants to file a declaration in response to such decision is appropriately vacated. The remainder of the 15 January 2004 decision (including the granting of applicants' renewed petition and the vacating of the Notification Of Abandonment) remains in effect.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office Of PCT Operations for further proceedings in accordance with this Communication and the decision mailed 15 January 2004. The 35 U.S.C. 371 date is 25 November 2003.

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